

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

1 MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CRESSAGE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7PM

In attendance: Cllrs Victoria Todd (Chairman), Kal Parkash, Colin Campbell, John Esp and Laura Christmas; Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, 4 members of the public, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

24.63 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

24.64 i) To note Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Matthew Murray and Cllr Robert Davies

24.64 li) To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests.

There were none at this time

24.65 Public session

A resident asked for clarity on the hedge trimming works planned for the Under 11s play area. He said that permission would be needed to cut to height. The Chairman said that works would take place on the Parish Council side up to its boundary. There is no intention to go beyond this boundary. Trees and hedges will be cut by an arborist. It will be made clear to whoever is awarded the contract what is required, and residents will be made aware of it.

A resident asked what is happening with the Local Plan and what is the hold up with it. Cllr Claire Wild said that planning inspectors had stopped the process, no reason has been given yet. There will be pressure to double housing numbers. Shropshire Council does have a 5-year land supply, the site put forward for Cressage is not included in the Local Plan as the access was not acceptable to Highways and there was not time to address this issue and to include it.

24.66 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2024

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 8th October 2024 as a true record

24.67 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild reported on the Local Plan as discussed above.

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24.68 Planning matters:

i. Decisions:

The following was noted:

Appeal Ref: APP/L3245/W/24/3341007

The Eagles Inn, Harley Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury SY5 6DF

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) against a refusal to grant outline planning permission.
- The appeal is made by Eagle Mews Ltd against the decision of Shropshire Council.
- The application Ref is 23/00525/OUT.
- The development proposed is described as: 'Outline application for 4 self-build houses on vacant land adjacent to the former Eagles Inn (all matters reserved). Resubmission of 22/00283/OUT'.

Decision: The appeal is dismissed.

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications:

There were none at this time

24.69 Highways matters:

Cllr John Esp noted that the damaged 30mph sign still has not been mended. Cllr Claire Wild said that the work is in a queue, and that she has phone up about it.

24.70 Financial matters:

i. It was resolved to agree payment of the following invoices and charges:

Payee	Item		Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 8		£536.60	17/11/2024
HMRC	Tax month 8		£134.20	17/11/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light		£30.38	29/10/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water		£23.42	14/10/2024
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreaths donation		£100	11/11/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – November		£717.12	4/10/2024

- ii. It was resolved to note the receipts and expenditure to end October
- iii. It was resolved to note the Bank Reconciliation to end October
- iv. It was resolved to note Spend Against Budget to end October
- v. The Electricity contract for the Pavilion was out of contract on 31st October. The Parish had obtained a quote via the National Utility Hub with Tomato Energy for a zero standing charge for a 36 month contract. There was some discussion on the offer.

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It was resolved to accept the quote for a 36 month contract with Tomato Energy.

24.71 Other Parish Matters –

i. Under 11 Play Area

A quote has been received from SLB Groundwork. Lowthers had indicated that they wish to quote but had not supplied a quote at the time of the meeting. The third contractor contacted had not responded yet. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should bring back all quotes to the next meeting.

ii. Footpaths

Shropshire Outdoor Partnerships has advised the Parish Council that an application has been made to upgrade footpath UN1 in Sheinton and footpath 4 in Buildwas Parishes but to reject the addition of a Restricted Byway between points B-D.

iii. Village Gateway

The Police Commissioner has funding available until the end of March. The Parish Council can put up gates but needs permission and guidance. It will be necessary to maintain the verges. Cutting back foliage, particularly at the 30mph signs, will need consideration. It was agreed to obtain three quotes for tidying the verges on the entrances to Cressage.

iv. Speeding

It was noted that cameras have been seen twice in the last month in Cressage.

v. Christmas Tree at Cressage Village Hall

It was agreed to purchase lights with a timer. Cllr Laura Christmas suggested purchasing extra batteries to go with it. The event is planned for 6th December. A Christmas Tree has been sourced.

vi. Nature Recovery Conference – Church Stretton

A resident has asked if the Parish Council intended to send a representative to the Nature Recovery Conference in Church Stretton on 6th December. This was noted. Information on this will be sent to all Councillors.

24.72 Items for consideration at next Council meeting, not for debate or decision

Under 11s quotes
Village Gateway update
Footpaths

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24.73 **Date & time of next Council meeting** 10th December 2024 at Harley Village Hall
at 7.00pm